



## Richland County Council

REGULAR SESSION  
May 16, 2017 – 6:00 PM  
Council Chambers

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Joyce Dickerson, Chair; Bill Malinowski, Vice Chair; Calvin “Chip” Jackson; Norman Jackson; Gwendolyn Davis-Kennedy; Paul Livingston; Jim Manning; Yvonne McBride; Dalhi Myers; Greg Pearce; and Seth Rose

OTHERS PRESENT: Beverly Harris, Jamelle Ellis, Brandon Madden, Sandra Yudice, Michelle Onley, Gerald Seals, Larry Smith, Ismail Ozbek, Tracy Hegler, Jennifer Wladischkin, Laura Renwick, Brad Farrar, Kimberly Williams-Roberts, Eva Prioleau, Chris Eversmann, Shahid Khan, Geo Price, Arthur Braswell, and Jeff Ruble

**CALL TO ORDER** – Ms. Dickerson called the meeting to order at approximately 6:02 PM.

**INVOCATION** – The invocation was led by the Honorable Calvin “Chip” Jackson.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Honorable Calvin “Chip” Jackson.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Regular Session: May 2, 2017 – Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Kennedy, to approve the minutes as distributed. The vote in favor was unanimous.

### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Mr. C. Jackson moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to adopt the agenda as published. The vote in favor was unanimous.

### **PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION AND PROCLAMATIONS**

- a. Proclamation recognizing Emmanuel Cunningham, Cardinal Newman High School, for his achievements in sports, academics and community service – Mr. N. Jackson presented a proclamation to Emmanuel Cunningham for his achievements in sports, academics and community service.
- b. Resolution recognizing Clemson University and former Lower Richland Diamonds Marcus Edmond on his success leading the Tigers to the National Championship – Mr. N. Jackson presented a resolution to Marcus Edmond for his success in leading the Tigers to the National Championship.
- c. A Proclamation honoring “National Public Works Week” May 21-27, 2017 – Mr. Pearce presented a proclamation to Mr. Ozbek honoring the week of May 21- 27, 2017 as “National Public Works Week”

**POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE** – Mr. Pearce recognized that Mr. N. Jackson came very close to being a 400-meter runner at the Olympics.

**POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE** – Ms. Dickerson recognized that Mr. N. Jackson’s wife was in the audience.

**REPORT OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS**

- a. Audit Update
- b. Transportation Matter: Contractual Matter
- c. Personnel Matter
- d. Utility/Contractual Matter

*Council went into Executive Session at approximately 6:23 PM and came out at approximately 6:58 PM.*

- a. Audit Update – No action was taken.

**CITIZENS INPUT: For Items on the Agenda Not Requiring a Public Hearing** – No one signed up to speak.

**REPORT OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

- a. Personnel Matter – This item was taken up in Executive Session.

**REPORT OF THE CLERK OF COUNCIL**

- a. REMINDER: Budget Work Sessions (6:00 PM):
  - 1. May 18 – Budget Public Hearing
  - 2. May 25 – Budget 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Grants Only
  - 3. May 30 – Budget 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Non-Grant Items

Ms. Onley reminded Council of the upcoming budget work sessions.

- b. Moving Forward Together Youth Summit: June 12 & 13, 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM, Convention Center

Ms. Onley invited Council to attend the upcoming Moving Forward Together Youth Summit that has been spearheaded by Chairwoman Joyce Dickerson.

**REPORT OF THE CHAIR**

- a. Clerk Search Update – Ms. Myers stated the Human Resource Director and herself edited the job description. Once the job description has been reviewed by Council members, it will be circulated for 15 days and Council will begin the interview process. In addition, she has proposed dates visits to other Clerk’s Offices, but has only heard back from one Council member.
- b. Council Services Budget/ Council District H-Tax Allocations – Ms. Dickerson stated Council members that have any funding available should submit their requests before the June 30<sup>th</sup> deadline.

- c. COMET/CMRTA Update – Ms. Dickerson introduced Ms. Ann August, Interim Executive Director of the COMET, to Council.
- d. Additional Budget Work Session – Ms. Dickerson stated she will schedule an additional work session for May 23<sup>rd</sup>. The items for discussion will be decided by the public input at the May 18<sup>th</sup> Budget Public Hearing.

#### **APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS**

- a. 17-007MA, Cox & Dinkins, RM-HD to GC (0.8 Acres), Daulton Drive & Barbara Drive, TMS # R17012-02-12 [THIRD READING]
- b. 17-008MA, Cox & Dinkins, OI to GC (10.33 Acres), Daulton Drive, Blarney Drive & Barbara Drive, TMS # R17012-02-01 [THIRD READING]
- c. 17-009MA, Krystal Martin, GC to LI (5 Acres), 10539 Farrow Road, TMS # R17500-02-18 [THIRD READING]

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. N. Jackson, to approve the consent items. The vote in favor was unanimous.

#### **REPORT OF THE RULES AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE**

- I. NOTIFICATION OF VACANCIES
  - a. Board of Assessment Appeals – 2 – Mr. Malinowski stated the committee recommended re-advertising for the vacancies. The vote in favor was unanimous.
  - b. Employee Grievance – 1 – Mr. Malinowski stated the committee recommended appointing Mr. James H. Hill, III to the Employee Grievance Committee. The vote in favor was unanimous.
  - c. Planning Commission – 1 – Mr. Malinowski stated the committee recommended appointing Ms. Chui Ping (Karen) Yip to the Planning Commission. The vote in favor was unanimous.
  - d. Accommodations Tax – 3 (One applicant must have a background in the Cultural Industry; One applicant must have a background in the Hospitality Industry; and the other is an at-large seat) – Mr. Malinowski stated the committee recommended re-advertising for the vacancies. The vote in favor was unanimous.
  - e. Central Midlands Council of Governments (COG) – 1 – Mr. Malinowski stated the committee recommended appointing Mr. Douglas J. Fabel. The vote in favor was unanimous.

#### **OTHER ITEMS**

- a. FY17 – District 4 Hospitality Tax Allocations – Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to approve this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- b. FY17 – District 1 Hospitality Tax Allocations – Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to approve this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

- c. FY17 – District 3 Hospitality Tax Allocations – Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to approve this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- d. FY17 – District 2 Hospitality Tax Allocations – Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to approve this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**CITIZENS’ INPUT: Must Pertain to Richland County Matters Not on the Agenda** – The citizen chose not to speak at this time.

It was noted again that comments during Citizens’ Input should pertain to County matters.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*Council went into Executive Session at approximately 7:15 PM and came out at approximately 7:55 PM.*

- a. Transportation Matter/Potential Litigation – Ms. Myers moved, seconded by Ms. Kennedy, to proceed as discussed in Executive Session. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- b. Utility/Contractual Matter – Mr. N. Jackson moved, seconded by Mr. C. Jackson, to proceed as discussed in Executive Session. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- c. Personnel Matters – No action was taken.

**MOTION PERIOD**

- a. Direct staff to research changing the ordinance relating to water runoff so in the future it will require environmental studies and not allow any runoff that exceeds the current runoff from the undeveloped property. This motion should be reviewed/completed and provided to the Planning Commission no later than their June meeting. [MALINOWSKI] – This item was referred to the D&S Committee.
- b. Request that administrative staff and Emergency Services Director evaluate the current contract for ambulance service fee collection to determine whether a rebid of this contract might improve the revenue from ambulance operations. A recommendation regarding this contract would then be reported to the A&F Committee for any necessary action. [PEARCE] – This item was referred to the A&F Committee.
- c. Move that the Budget Committee be changed from a standing committee of Council to an “Ad Hoc” committee that would only meet when specific items are referred to it via the Motion Period. Currently, items being placed on the Budget Committee agenda are of sufficient importance that the entire Council should be debating and voting on these.[PEARCE] – This item was referred to the Rules & Appointments Committee.
- d. If Developers, Builders, etc. cause any hardship on any community due to poor workmanship or unapproved or unpermitted work of any kind that fails, all of their building permits should be pulled and the builder not allowed to build until they fix the problem(s). NOTE: The homeowners, nor the citizens, should have to pay to fix poor workmanship [N. JACKSON] – This item was referred to the D&S Committee.
- e. HOA’s operated by developers or management firms should be fined if due to their poor management, and not that of the homeowners, it causes a hardship on the homeowners or

community. NOTE: There are improperly maintained detention ponds that have trees growing in them which causes flooding during a bad storm [N. JACKSON] – This item was referred to the D&S Committee.

**ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:08 PM.

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Joyce Dickerson  
Chairwoman

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Bill Malinowski  
Vice Chair

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Calvin "Chip" Jackson  
District Nine

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Norman Jackson  
District Eleven

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Gwendolyn Kennedy  
District Seven

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Paul Livingston  
District Four

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Jim Manning  
District Eight

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Yvonne McBride  
District Three

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Dalhi Myers  
District Ten

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Greg Pearce  
District Six

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Seth Rose  
District Five

The Minutes were transcribed by Michelle M. Onley, Deputy Clerk of Council